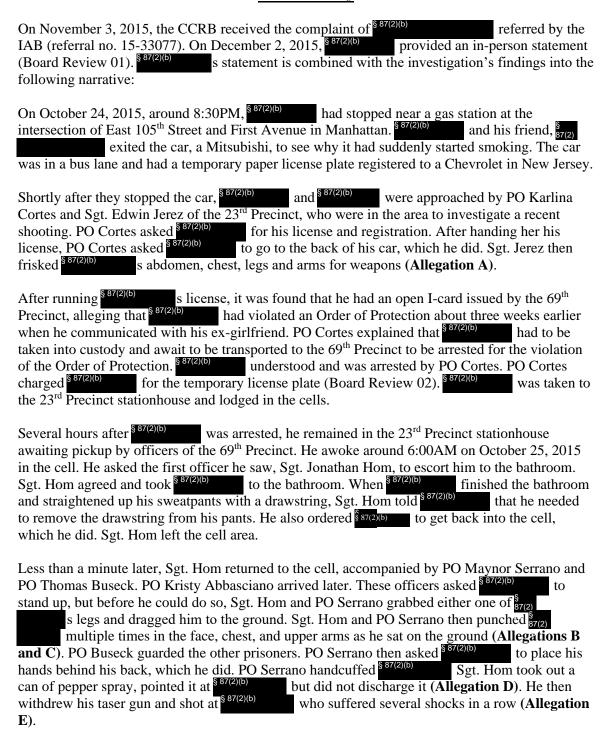
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:		Force		Discourt.	U.S.
Jaimie Vernon		Squad #4	201509378	1	Abuse	_	D.L.	☑ Injury
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Pr	recinct:		lo. SOL	EO SOL
Sunday, 10/25/2015 6:00 AM		East 105th Street and F Precinct stationhouse	First Avenue, 23rd		23	4/25	5/2017	4/25/2017
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	: I	Date/Time	Receiv	ed at CCF	RB
Sun, 10/25/2015 4:35 PM		IAB	Phone	7	Γue, 11/03	3/2015	12:38 PM	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. SGT Jonathan Hom	4803	940269	023 PCT					
2. POM Maynor Serrano	13184	934350	023 PCT					
3. SGT Edwin Jerez	3670	941258	023 PCT					
4. POF Kristy Abbasciano	00131	933589	023 PCT					
5. POM Thomas Buseck	00158	948722	023 PCT					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POF Karlina Cortes	13048	939840	023 PCT					
2. POF Judy Biondolillo	18428	943374	023 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	estigato	r Recon	nmendation
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F.POF Kristy Abbasciano		n October 25, 2015, insi use, PO Kristy Abbascia						

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
G.POM Maynor Serrano	Force: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Maynor Serrano used a chokehold against \$87(2)(b)	
H.POM Maynor Serrano	Force: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Maynor Serrano restricted breathing.	
I.SGT Jonathan Hom	Abuse: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Jonathan Hom refused to provide his name and shield number to \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$	
J.POM Maynor Serrano	Abuse: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Maynor Serrano refused to provide his name and shield number to \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$	
K.POM Thomas Buseck	Abuse: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Thomas Buseck refused to provide his name and shield number to \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$	
L.POF Kristy Abbasciano	Abuse: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Kristy Abbasciano refused to provide her name and shield number to \$87(2)(b)	
	§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)	
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	§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)	
	§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)	

Case Summary

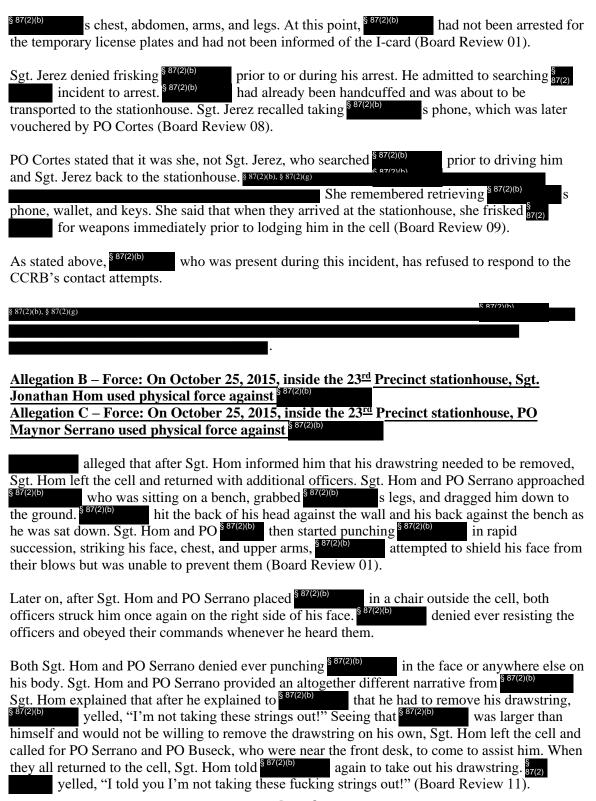


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was suffering from the after-effects of the shocks, Sgt. Hom cut and removed struck st
informed Sgt. Arancibia, the desk sergeant, that he needed to go to a hospital. Sgt. Arancibia called the ambulance and \$87(2)(b) was taken to the \$87(2)(b) Hospital Center, which generated a UF-49 (Board Review 03). After being treated for his injuries, he was returned to the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse.
After a few more hours in the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, 887(2)(b) was picked up by a detective of the 69 th precinct Detective Squad and transferred to the 69 th Precinct, where he was charged for Criminal Contempt (Board Review 04).
Contact attempts were made to series upon receipt of the case. However, he declined to schedule an interview without seeking legal advice. He ultimately provided a statement to the CCRB on December 2, 2015. As a result, this case was closed two weeks past the 90-day benchmark.
Video Footage
Because \$87(2)(b) declined to provide any information about his complaint when he was first reached, the investigation learned of the incident that occurred at East 105 th Street and First Avenue after any relevant footage had expired. As the second incident occurred in the cells of the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, no video footage was retained and thus could not be subpoenaed.
Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories
 This case is unsuitable for mediation as \$87(2)(b) planned on filing a lawsuit. \$87(2)(b) filed a Notice of Claim on November 23, 2015 seeking \$1 million (Board Review 05). \$87(2)(b)
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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories
§ 87(2)(b)
Sgt. Jerez has been a member of the service for nine years, and there are no substant allegations against him. §87(2)(2)
He is currently a subject officer in case 201509267, in which he is alleged have stopped someone, and in case 201509459, in which he is being cited for a failed document a strip-search. The former case remains open, and the latter has been closs and is awaiting a review by a panel.
Sgt. Hom has been a member of the service for 10 years, and there are no substantia allegations against him. In case 201108401, he was alleged to have hit someone with nightstick, which was exonerated, and with a flashlight, which was unfounded. His
pepper spray in that incident was also exonerated. In case 201310503, allegations to used physical force and refused to obtain medical treatment were closed as Compla Uncooperative. In case 201510597, he was also alleged to have used excessive force to have threatened to arrest the victim. That case is currently in mediation.
PO Serrano has been a member of the service for 11 years, and there are no substant allegations against him. In cases 200713273 and 200803080, he was alleged to have physical force, but both allegations were unsubstantiated. In case 200904536, force Gun Pointed allegations were exonerated. In case 201308561, a chokehold allegation
unsubstantiated. PO Abbasciano has been a member of the service for twelve years, and there are no
substantiated allegations against her. In cases 206613804 and 201208417, force allegations were closed as Victim Uncooperative and Complainant Unavailable, respectively. In case 200607310, a Refusal to Provide Name and Shield allegation
unfounded. In case 200613804, the same allegation was closed as Victim Uncooper PO Buseck has been a member of the service for five years, and he has no previous CCRB complaint.
Potential Issues

The CCRB has only been able to reach one of the four people in the holding cells who were possible witnesses to the incident inside the 23 rd Precinct Stationhouse. Three letters each were sent to the addresses found for \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) was the only former prisoner who was reached by the CCRB, but \$87(2)(b) recalled very little of his stay at the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse on the date of the incident, leaving the CCRB with no useful independent statement regarding that incident.				
Findings and Recommendations				
Allegations Not Pleaded • Abuse of Authority: On October 24, 2015, at East 105th Street and First Avenue,				
officers stopped \$87(2)(b) It is undisputed that Sgt. Jerez and PO Cortes stopped \$87(2)(b) for having parked his car in a bus lane and for having a temporary paper license plate. Because \$87(2)(b) was arrested for the paper plate, this allegation is not pleaded. • Abuse of Authority: On October 24, 2015, at East 105 th Street and First Avenue, an				
alleged that when he was being frisked by Sgt. Jerez, another officer dressed in an ESU-like uniform was frisking after the two were stopped by Sgt. Jerez and PO Cortes (Board Review 01). However, when satisfy was called, he denied that a frisk occurred (Board Review 07). Both Sgt. Jerez and PO Cortes denied that was frisked by any officer (Board Review 08 and Board Review 09). Because indicated that he was not frisked, this allegation is not pleaded.				
Explanation of Subject Officer Identification				
alleged that right after he was placed in the chair by Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano, an officer stomped on his right foot and pressed down for several seconds (Board Review 01). He described this officer as a white female in uniform with blonde hair and a petite build.				
PO Kristy Abbasciano was the only white female officer with blonde hair in uniform present in the stationhouse at the time. She was PO Buseck's partner and stated that when they arrived at the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse for their meal, she went straight to the women's locker room. She denied going into the cells at any point during her tour (Board Review 10).				
However, Sgt. Hom stated that he saw PO Abbasciano enter the cells as he and PO Serrano placed \$37(2)(b) in the chair but that she did not take any part in restraining \$37(2)(b) (Board Review 11). As a result, Allegation F is pled against PO Abbasciano.				
Allegation A – Abuse of Authority: On October 24, 2015, at East 105 th Street and First Avenue, Sgt. Edwin Jerez frisked [887(2)(b)]				
alleged that after PO Cortes retrieved \$87(2)(b) s license, she asked him to step to the back of his Mitsubishi along with \$87(2)(b) There, Sgt. Jerez approached \$87(2)(b) and asked him if he had any weapons on him. When \$87(2)(b) said he did not, Sgt. Jerez frisked Page 5				



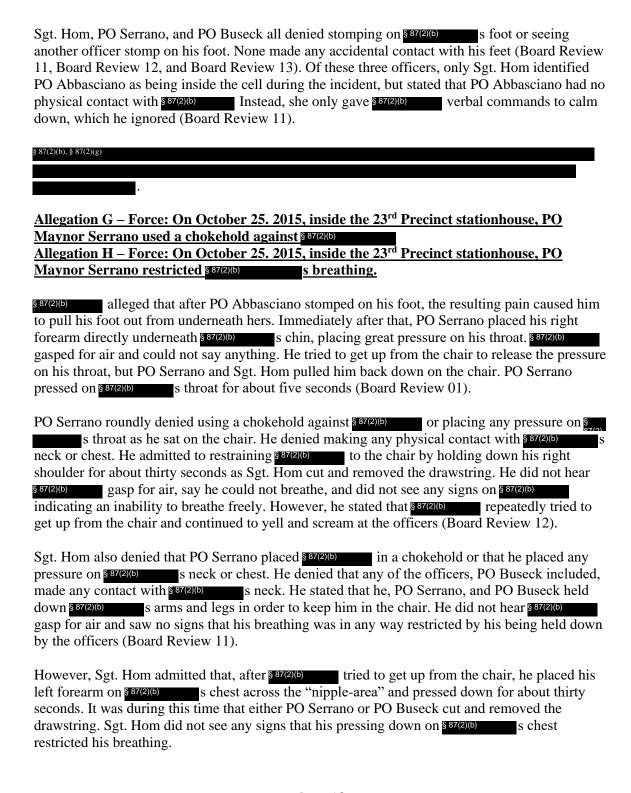
Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano issued multiple verbal commands to \$87(2)(b) urging him to calm down and to remove the drawstring, but \$87(2)(b) continued to yell and curse. Sgt. Hom then grabbed \$87(2)(b) s left arm in an attempt to handcuff him. PO Serrano and PO Buseck held resisted violently by trying to get his arms out of the officers' grasps and by trying to get up from the bench. After struggling for about a minute, they managed to handcuff \$87(2)(b) as he sat on the bench. The officers then lifted him up and attempted to walk him over to a chair outside the cell. \$87(2)(b) continued to resist by trying to pull his arms away and by trying to walk back to the cell.
Holding \$87(2)(b) s arms as tightly as they could, they managed to force him over to the chair. However, \$87(2)(b) now resisted by trying to get up from the chair. All throughout, he was yelling and screaming about having his drawstring be taken out. Sgt. Hom had to press his forearm against \$87(2)(b) chest in order to restrain him enough so that another officer could remove his drawstring. After the drawstring was removed, \$87(2)(b) started to calm down. The officers continued to hold him to the chair for about thirty seconds until he calmed down enough to be taken back to the cell.
PO Serrano corroborated most of Sgt. Hom's testimony. He added that \$87(2)(b) when he was still on the bench, shoved Sgt. Hom in the chest after Sgt. Hom grabbed his left arm. Sgt. Hom did not appear to fall because of the shove. \$87(2)(b) then stood up and assumed a fighting stance against the officers. He also added that \$87(2)(b) claimed, "You're not taking anything from me" and "Fuck you guys" (Board Review 12).
PO Buseck stated that as Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano were trying to convince to take out his drawstring in the cell, he kept his eyes on the other prisoners to make sure that they would not intervene. He did not witness most of the struggle in the cell as his back was turned. However, he heard Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano tell \$87(2)(5) repeatedly to "Stop resisting!" "Stop kicking!" and "Stop spitting!" He heard \$87(2)(5) respond, "Screw off!" He did not make any physical contact with \$87(2)(5) until after he was placed in the chair by Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano (Board Review 13).
When \$87(2)(b) was put in the chair, PO Buseck assisted Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano by holding down \$87(2)(b) s right arm. He denied that any of the officers punched \$87(2)(b) or that they did anything other than hold his arms.
who was present in the cells at this time, claimed to have no recollection of this incident and did not remember any kind of commotion in the cells (Board Review 14). In the Unusual Occurrence Report, [887(2)(0)] told the IAB that he was awoken by [887(2)(0)] s yelling. He did not see any officers punch him in the face (Board Review 03).
The Unusual Occurrence Report, prepared by Capt. Gurley shortly after \$87(2)(b) was returned from the hospital, also stated that \$87(2)(b) admitted to being "combative", "aggressive" and "uncooperative" with the officers and to yelling, spitting, and trying to stand up as the officers grabbed hold of him. He claimed that Sgt. Hom punched him once in the right eye. He did not allege that PO Serrano punched him at all.

(Board Review 12 and Board Review 13).	
PO Serrano and PO Buseck both denied that Sgt. Hom took out a can of pepper spray and pointed it at \$87(2)(b) Neither of them heard Sgt. Hom verbally threaten to pepper spray \$87(2)(b)	ł
Sgt. Hom admitted to telling that if he did not stop resisting, he would be pepper-sprayed. However, he denied ever taking out his can of pepper spray and pointing it at as he quickly decided against actually using pepper spray. He realized that PO Serrano, PO Buseck, and the three other prisoners were in close enough proximity to him and say(2)(5) that they would also be affected by the pepper spray if he were to use it (Board Review 11).	
alleged that after Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano finished punching him in the cell, PO Serrano placed \$87(2)(b) in handcuffs. Immediately after that, Sgt. Hom withdrew his can of pepper spray and pointed it directly at \$87(2)(b) Sgt. Hom did not issue any verbal command prior to taking out the can of pepper spray. Sgt. Hom did not discharge the pepper spray, as \$87(2)(b) was allegedly tased by PO Serrano immediately afterward (Board Review 01).	
Allegation D – Abuse of Authority: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Jonathan Hom threatened with the use of force.	
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checkup. He made no complaint of being injured or in pain and made no mention of this incident He was not given any medication or instructions upon discharge (Board Review 16).	
Tylenol and instructed to return to the hospital if he still had pain (Board Review 15). 887(2)(b) was treated at the \$87(2)(b) the day after the incident in a regular	
later dropped that rating to 3. The EMTs noted that \$37(2)(b) was very volatile and threatened to "turn up", leading them to refrain from taking his vials for their safety. The doctor who attended \$37(2)(b) noted that his face and chest were tender to the touch diagnosed him with "atypical face pain". \$37(2)(b) was given Tylenol in the hospital. He was prescribed additional Tylenol and instructed to return to the hospital if he still had pain (Poord Paview 15)	
later dropped that rating to 3. The EMTs noted that \$87(2)(b) was very volatile and threatened	

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
Allegation E – Force: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Maynor Serrano tased \$67(2)(5)
alleged that after PO Serrano handcuffed him in the cell, PO Serrano took out his taser gun and discharged it. The prongs hit \$87(2)(b) in the right side of his torso. \$87(2)(b) felt a sudden shock, followed by another one five seconds later and another five to ten seconds after that. \$87(2)(b) was discombobulated from the shocks. As he lay stunned on the ground, an officer removed his drawstring. An officer then "yanked" the taser prongs out of \$87(2)(b) storso, tearing off some of his skin (Board Review 01).
PO Serrano, Sgt. Hom, and PO Buseck all denied that any officer tased \$87(2)(b) during this incident. PO Serrano and Sgt. Hom admitted that PO Serrano, a training officer, withdrew his taser in the cell and pointed it at \$87(2)(b) when \$87(2)(b) refused to remove his drawstring. Both officers corroborated that PO Serrano ordered \$87(2)(b) several times to put his hands behind his back or else he would use the taser. After multiple verbal commands, \$87(2)(b) turned around and put his hands behind his back, allowing the officers to handcuff him without PO Serrano having to use the taser (Board Review 11 and Board Review 12).
No documentation was made concerning the use of a taser in this incident. No Less Than Lethal Use of Force report was prepared, no notation was made in the Command Log, and PO Serrano made no mention of it in his memo book (Board Review 17, Board Review 18, and Board Review 19). § § 7(2)(b). § § 7(2)(c).
87(2)(b), \$ 87(2)(g)
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Allegation F – Force: On October 25. 2015, inside the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Kristy
Abbasciano used physical force against 887(2)(b)
alleged that right after he was placed in the chair by Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano, an officer matching PO Abbasciano's description stomped on his right foot (Board Review 01).

PO Abbasciano stated that she was in the women's locker room between 5:38AM and 6:38AM, and never went to the cells at any point during her tour. She denied stomping on any prisoner's foot and claimed to know nothing about this incident (Board Review 10).

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PO Buseck denied that any of the officers used a chokehold against was to hold down his right arm, as it appeared to him that was trying to punch either Sgt. Hom or PO Serrano. He did not make any contact with his neck or chest and only saw Sgt. Hom and PO Serrano holding down as as well. He did not see any signs that had trouble breathing, including gasping for ai saying he could not breathe, or changing complexion (Board Review 13).
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)
Allegation I – Abuse of Authority: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Jonathan Hom refused to provide his name and shield number to Allegation J – Abuse of Authority: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Maynor Serrano refused to provide his name and shield number to
Allegation K – Abuse of Authority: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Thomas Buseck refused to provide his name and shield number to §87(2)(b)
Allegation L – Abuse of Authority: On October 25, 2015, inside the 23 rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Kristy Abbasciano refused to provide her name and shield number to
alleged that after the officers put him back in the cell after they removed his drawstring, he asked them for their names and shield numbers, which they refused to provide (Board Review 01).
Both Sgt. Hom and PO Buseck denied that several statements to the officers (Board Review 11 and Board Review 13). PO Serrano also did not hear shield numbers, but he stated that, as he held service appeared to have read PO Serrano's nameplate and said, "SerranoSerrano" a number of times (Board Review 12).
PO Abbasciano denied being involved in this incident and claimed to have no knowledge of it. She did not hear any prisoner ask for her name or her shield number (Board Review 10).
\$ 87(2)(b), \$ 87(2)(g)

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